

I cannot express how strongly I object to the proposal to allow the use of cell phones on airplanes. I travel frequently for the government, and the prospect of listening to all these loud, self-absorbed passengers screaming incessantly into their phones for the duration of a flight is truly frightening. It will make flying, which is already stressful enough, a truly miserable, unbearable experience. It will also create a significant security hazard, as it will only be a matter of time before some passenger on a cell phone and some passenger seeking peace and quiet get into a heated argument, or worse (pushing and shoving confrontations are clearly foreseeable). There will be constant confrontations and you will need increased security to keep the peace on the planes. Those who are used to yakking on their phones constantly in public do not really understand how much the rest of us despise such action. All we want is peace and quiet and to be left alone. If you allow cell phones to be used on airplanes, it is going to get real ugly and you better be prepared for security breaches, heated arguments, and lawsuits to follow. Please do not eliminate the ban on cell phones on planes. Nothing positive can happen if you eliminate the ban, and there will be lots of negative consequences.